

HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

1st. June, 1888.

My Dear Sir, -

The proposed revision of Dr. Gray's Manual - in which revision you are to take an important part - is to be conducted in the following manner, by agreement with all concerned in the revision.

1. The field of the Manual is to be extended westward to the 100th meridian, without changing its present southern boundary.
2. The nomenclature and the descriptions of range are to be revised, and the new species are to be added; but the present form and style of the Manual are to be preserved.
3. The revision is to be finished by January 1st, 1889, with such accuracy and completeness as can be attained within that limit of time.
4. The first revised copy is to be prepared by Professor John M. Coulter, with the probable exception of the compositae, willows, sedges, and ferns, and with other possible exceptions to be agreed upon by you and Professor Coulter.
5. The whole copy is to be revised by you.

6. There shall be added to the title-page words to the following effect.- "Revised by Sereno Watson and John M. Coulter, with the assistance of -----"

7. Professor Coulter is to be paid for the full days spent by him on the revision at the rate of \$250. a month.

Notice of the intention of the Corporation to secure the revision of the Manual in this manner will be sent at once to the publishers.

Very truly yours,

Charles W. Eliot

Dr. Sereno Watson .